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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 January 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to the amendment of January 8, 2007. In making the below rejections the examiner has considered and addressed each of the applicant's arguments.

Claim Objections

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Claim 13 includes the limitation in lines 8 and 9 of "at least one venting passageway". The original disclosure does not provide basis for more than one venting passageway (the axial passageway) located within the piston rod.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 13-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 13 lines 6 and 8 “venting passageways” are referred to. The examiner would suggest calling the first venting passageway a “generally radial venting passageway” and the second passageway an “axial venting passageway” so that the passageways can be clearly distinguished.

In claim 13 line 10 the phrase “said venting passageway in said ejecting ...” is confusing. The examiner believes that “piston rod” should be inserted after “in said”.

In claim 13 line 10 and claim 17 line 8 there is no antecedent basis for “said blow-by vapors”. The examiner suggest replacing “said” with “any”.

In the final sub-paragraph of each of claims 13 and 17 the claim sets forth that the vapors are “reclaimed”. It is unclear what element is reclaiming the vapors but it seems clear from the disclosure that the pump is reclaiming the vapors. This would suggest that the vapors will be brought back to the source fluid so that they may be pumped again. However no mechanism has been set forth for this purpose. Please note the examiner’s suggestion below in the Allowable Subject Matter section.

In claim 17 line 8 there is no antecedent basis for “said venting passageway” and the examiner suggest replacing this with “said vent hole passageway”.

Claim 21 is unclear because it sets forth a method of providing the major components of a pump but the only method step is “cooling said cylinder”. The rest of

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the claim sets forth structure. The examiner believes that the applicant intended to claim a method of pumping a cryogenic fluid but no such steps have been set forth.

Claims 14-16 and 18-20 are rejected because they do not further structurally define the invention. Instead they set forth desired results of using the pump and design steps in creating the pump.

Allowable Subject Matter

The examiner notes that if claims 13 and 17 were amended as set forth below these two claims would be favorably considered.

In each of claims 13 and 17 the passage on line 4 should be rewritten "a pair of spaced apart piston heads on said piston rod defining first and second pump chambers with said cylinder, the pump chambers each having inlet valves communicating with a source of suction liquid". This would overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph relating to "reclaiming".

Additionally, in claim 13 line 10 and claim 17 line 9 "a source" should be changed to "said source" in order to provide correct antecedent basis.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Duron discloses a venting valve for a cryogenic piston pump.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles G. Freay whose telephone number is 571-272-4827. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ehud Gartenberg can be reached on 571-272-4828. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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